

## Turkeys raised up three percent in 2006

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2006 totaled 265 million birds, compared with 256 million in 2005. This was an increase of 3 percent over the previous year. The ranking of the top six producers did not change from 2005. Minnesota had the highest estimate of turkeys raised with 45.0 million, followed by North Carolina with 37.0 million, Arkansas with 30.0 million, Virginia with 22.5 million, Missouri with 21.5 million, and California with 16.0 million. These six states are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in 2006. Wisconsin production numbers are included in the total U.S. productions, but are not reported separately, because of the small number of operations.

### Turkeys Raised

State	2005	2006	Change
	1,000 head		Percent
Arkansas	29,000	30,000	+3
California	14,900	16,000	+7
Illinois	2,900	2,700	-7
Indiana	13,400	13,800	+3
Iowa	9,600	10,000	+4
Michigan	4,700	4,800	+2
Minnesota	44,500	45,000	+1
Missouri	20,500	21,500	+5
N. Carolina	36,000	37,000	+3
N. Dakota	1,100	1,400	+27
Ohio	5,700	5,500	-4
Pennsylvania	11,500	10,000	-13
S. Carolina	8,000	11,000	+38
S. Dakota	4,600	4,400	-4
Virginia	21,000	22,500	+7
United States	256,270	264,874	+3

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.